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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: John F. Blake  
Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT: Meeting with the Junior Foreign Service  
Officers During Their Orientation Visit

1. Action Requested: This memorandum provides background information for your meeting with the 135th Class of the Foreign Service Institute's orientation program for Foreign Service Officers (Junior FSOs). The meeting is scheduled for Monday, 27 March 1978, from 1630 to approximately 1700, in Room 1A07, Headquarters. Recommended topics for discussion are contained in paragraph 3 below.

2. Background: The Foreign Service Institute's orientation program for Foreign Service Officers visits CIA six times a year. The briefing program, now a full day, typically follows the pattern of the attached schedule. We have not recently, however, called upon the DCI or DDCI to meet with the group. Director William Colby did so regularly, succeeding in ameliorating much of the hostility to CIA that then was characteristic of the class. As classes became more open to an understanding and appreciation of the CIA mission, we found it satisfactory to rely on other briefing officers. Because of your special interest in cementing good relationships with the Foreign Service, however, we thought it useful for you to become acquainted with this briefing program. After this meeting, we will appreciate knowing whether you wish to participate in the future on a regular or occasional basis.

There are 55 in the class, 37 Foreign Service Officers, 15 from the U.S. Information Agency, and 3 from the Department of Agriculture. A class roster and list of the expected areas of assignment are attached. We do not yet have biographic information on the participants.


A highlight of each visit is a luncheon with young analysts from the National Foreign Assessment Center. A few operations officers also participate.

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The Director of Training, Mr. Harry Fitzwater,  
will escort you to the meeting and introduce you.

3. Recommendation: That you discuss with the class:
- a. your view of the priority tasks for CIA in the next few years;
  - b. Congressional oversight of CIA;
  - c. the contribution of the Foreign Service Officer to intelligence; and
  - d. the need for cooperation between the Foreign Service Officer and CIA abroad.

The class will appreciate an opportunity for questions.

  
John F. Blake

Attachments:

- 1 - Class Roster
- 2 - Expected Areas of Assignment
- 3 - Schedule

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